

Sisters' S. C. E.

FROM GRAVELTON, IND.

Sister Grossnickle organized a society of S. S. C. E. at this place the first of January. We organized with thirty-one members; to this number we have since added twenty-four, making a total of fifty-five members. Several ladies who are not members of the church, have joined the society. We think the S. S. C. E. will be a means to bring them to Christ. A number of brethren have given their names to assist in the financial part of the society. We meet once a month and open services with devotional exercises, consisting of singing, scripture-reading and prayer by different members of the society. The sisters are enthusiastic and willing to work. The society has decided to have monthly fees of five cents per member. At present we are making carpet to earn money. This is our first attempt in this line of work; but with God's help we will succeed.

Dear sisters, let us take advantage of every opportunity in doing good. "Whatever thy hands find to do, do with all thy might."

March 23.

NANCY MAST.

FROM LANARK, ILL.

Our S. S. C. E. meets every Wednesday afternoon at some of the sister's homes, twice at one place. Our work consists of making quilts, comforts, bonnets, sacks, aprons, cutting and sewing carpet rags. We take up collections at each meeting. Dues are \$1.00, 50 cents, or 25 cents, according to each member's ability. We now have about thirty members.

March 22.

MARY SEARLE, Pres.

A GOOD IDEA.

The plan of giving an entertainment at the church at Enon, the proceeds to go to Mrs. Gibbons, is being talked of among the Progressive people, of which denomination Mrs. Gibbons is a minister. This excellent lady has been prostrated with two recent attacks of illness, and is confined to her bed. Her parents reside in Kansas, but are too poor to aid her much in a financial way. We believe an entertainment of this kind would be largely attended and surely the money raised could not be devoted to a more worthy purpose.

LET every man be occupied, and occupied in the highest employment of which his nature is capable, and die with the consciousness that he has done his best.
—Sydney Smith.

A LEADER OF MEN.

The power of the Protestant pulpit of America was never so clearly evidenced as it has been the last six months. Although there is one pulpit that holds a position high above all others in the land in its heroic leadership and bold fulminations against individual and organized corruption, yet there are hundreds of others in various parts that have cried aloud and spared not in their denunciations of crime. The spirit of the old Hebrew prophets has been revived; the preacher of righteousness has become a power in the land, and the Ten Commandments is the acknowledged code of municipal reform.

The praise bestowed on Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, of New York, by the secular press is worthy of comment. One of the leading dailies of the metropolis, in an editorial on him and his work, says:

"He stands to-day before the people of New York as a supreme example of the good citizen. In spite of other duties, but without neglecting them, he found time to consider the needs of the city, to look into its iniquities and to plan for its redemption. With no selfish object in view he has performed an amount of labor which would have seemed Herculean to the most untiring politician who worked for personal gain. He endured the ridicule and abuse of the vicious, the suspicion of the narrow minded, the fault-finding of the timid, the criticism of the querulous, and the supercilious patronage of politicians. He endured it all and he overcame it all. He worked for no prize but the approval of his own conscience. He had to go into the haunts of vice and make himself master of a knowledge from which any man might pray to be delivered. There is a well-grounded and not unreasonable sentiment against sensation-mongers in the pulpit. He braved the charge of being that, and proved it was a slander. He taught New York the difference between the man who uses a sacred calling to bring attention to himself and the devoted prophet whom nothing can stop in his work for mankind. Undismayed by the magnitude of his task, the foulness with which he must come in contact, or the enemies he had to meet, he went on to cleanse the city. All the power of the police was used against him, but before any help came to him he had brought the general public to have sympathy with his work and to hope for his success. He had prepared the way for others. The Lexow investigation and Mr. Goff's brilliant work followed. That made New-Yorkers blush with shame, but it made them also boil with indignation.

They consulted together, combined and went to work, and how gloriously they swept away the unclean crew, who made this city a by-word of contempt, is now known to all men. All decent people rejoice in the victory. It was Dr. Parkhurst who made that victory possible."

The influence of one such man is of untold benefit to his race. Such a character is an inspiration to every reformer and Christian worker in the land.

Missionary News.

MISSION WORK IN PENNSYLVANIA.

STATEMENT OF WORK DONE BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MISSION BOARD. Time thirty days, expenses \$11.44; collections, donations, etc., \$12.11. Immediate result, thirteen by baptism, four by relation and two applicants. All the above were received at McVeytown, Mifflin Co., Pa. The writer assisted in soliciting funds to the amount of about three hundred dollars for the purchasing of a church edifice in McVeytown in which the meetings were held. The house is nearly new, 35 x 45 feet; was built by the United Brethren, at a cost of about \$1600.00 and can be bought by the Brethren church at \$875.00. Donations will be gladly and thankfully received. Please send them to sister Annie Swigart, secretary, and she will report the same through the EVANGELIST. Brethren and sisters come, and help build up the cause of Christ at McVeytown. On the evening Nov. 10, I preached my first sermon in this congregation; only two sisters at that time, now twenty-six with good prospects. During this last series of meetings, two deacons were chosen and ordained by prayer and laying on of hands. See Acts 6: 6. James R. Swigart and M. F. Rupert are the deacons. A Sabbath-school was organized as follows:

Brother Charles S. Crawford, superintendent; brother James Harris, assistant; brother William E. Youtzey, secretary; sister Effie Wible, assistant; brother George Landis, treasurer; Miss Sadie Jones, organist. Held communion services on the evening of March 9. Twenty-three communed, all who were then members. The baptisms were timed by responsible persons and reported as follows; one in fifteen seconds, three in one minute, and twelve in about ten minutes. Now may the God of all peace, sanctify his people wholly, and may he abundantly bless this little plant of his own right-hand planting. Who will help pay for the house of worship, and thus help the cause of Christ?

Blanco, Pa.

J. B. Wampler.